



The Messenger

January 2018

A Message from Pastor Joe

"I suppose when we take on January 1 the world will look the same. But there is a reminder of the Resurrection at the start of each new year, each new decade. That's why I also like sunrises, Mondays, and new seasons. God seems to be saying, "With me you can always start fresh.""
- Ada Lum

What a wonderful, timely reminder from Ada Lum. In the new year, the *world* may look the same, but you and I will look a little different, perhaps a little newer? Another year of experiences, progress made, ideas generated, lessons learned. My prayer for our church this year is that each of us will learn the monthly, daily, and hourly rhythms anew of being thankful for and attentive to God's presence with us. Emmanuel. May the presence of almighty God with each one bring a fresh commitment to love, love, love!

Blessings on your 2018!

Student Scholarship Applications

The Christian Education Team will begin accepting applications for student scholarships for the 2018 fall semester beginning in January. The Student Aid Fund was established for the purpose of giving financial assistance for use at accredited schools and colleges and will be awarded to students who are active at First Baptist Church. Deadline for accepting applications is April 30, 2018. Contact Susan Price for an application.

Warm Your Heart This Winter and SING!

Sanctuary Choir will resume rehearsals on Wed., Jan. 3rd at 6:30 p.m. Children's **Celebration Choir** will resume rehearsals on Wed., January 10th at 6:15 p.m.

Begin the New Year with Wednesdays at FBC!

Dinner, Friends Club (ages 4-5th gr.), **Youth Group** (gr.6-12) and **Mom's Group** will begin again on Wed., Jan. 10th from 5:00-6:45 p.m.

Sunday School for all ages

Sunday, January 7 - Sunday School will resume at 9:00 a.m.

Young Adult Sunday School

Sun., January 7 - Young Adult Sunday School will begin again at 9am with a new class led by Shelby & Joe Greemore called, *Extraordinary Women*. This class will run from Jan. 7 to Feb. 11. A new unit will begin April 8 and conclude on May 20.

Please contribute regularly to the **communion offering** on the first Sunday of each month. The funds received help your Diaconate Team and Pastors Joe and Carol reach out to people in need in our congregation and the community.

YOU ARE INVITED

Join us for Sunday Worship at 10:15 a.m.

Sunday, Jan. 7 - Baptisms/Holy Communion

Message by Pastor Joe; Text John 1:35-51

Music by Sanctuary Choir

Sunday, Jan. 14

Message by Pastor Joe; Text John 2:1-11

Music by Sanctuary Choir

Sunday, Jan. 21

Message by Pastor Joe; Text John 2:13-25

Music by Celebration Children's Choir

Sunday, Jan. 28

Message by Pastor Joe; Text John 3:1-21

Music by

2018 Stewardship Campaign

To date we have received 2018 pledges of \$186,000.00 and anticipate another \$6,000.00 to come in. Out of 46 pledges, nineteen were increased, and we have three new pledges for this coming year. We thank you for your continued faithfulness in giving. On a cautionary note, we also anticipate a drop in other revenues since the Chin congregation is no longer using our building and Hellman no longer needs the use of our parking lot. Depending on our total expenses for the year, we may need to draw more from our savings to meet our obligations. The very positive fact is that we have used less than half of what we projected four years ago when we called Joe to be our pastor.

On a totally different subject – You now have an additional way to give to FBC. If you shop on Amazon register by logging into www.smile.amazon.com and select 'First Baptist Church 434 Baltimore' as your choice for a donation. Amazon will donate one half of one percent of all purchases to First Baptist. If you need help in setting this up talk to Bob Jenkins.



WATERLOO BLACK HAWKS HOCKEY!

Sunday, January 28th at 3:05 p.m.

Reserve a ticket to the Waterloo Black Hawks hockey game on Sunday, January 28th. We have 25, center-ice seats reserved for only \$8.00 each! Sign up under **Activity #1** in worship or call the church office. Deadline to reserve tickets is 1/21/18.

January Birthdays

1/3 - Jade Chandler
 1/6 - Chad Heideman
 1/8 - Bobbi Jo Schaffnit
 1/11 - Larry Nielsen
 1/13 - Jenna Hendrix
 1/14 - Jonathan Hoppes
 1/14 - David Palmer
 1/15 - Marshal lehl
 1/15 - Sharon King
 1/16 - Grace Brandt

January Birthdays-cont'd

1/17 - Grant Hendrix
 1/17 - Cecilia Nelson
 1/24 - Phil Kauten
 1/26 - Chris Lemper
 1/27 - Jim Vaux
 1/31 - Vicki Hembree

January Anniversaries

1/10 - Susan & Dwayne Price
 1/31 - Donna & Verner Nelson

Greeters

Jan. 7 - Jeff, Bettina, Joshua, & Caleb Taylor
 Jan. 14 - Kim & John Chandler
 Jan. 21 - Sam, Jackson, Colin, & Riley Satterlee
 Jan. 28 - Patty & Chuck Stilwill

Worship Leaders

Jan. 7 - Sue Harty
 Jan. 14 - Carol Teare
 Jan. 21 - Dianne Van Gorder
 Jan. 28 - Susan Price

Fellowship Hosts

Jan. 7 - Christian Education Team
 Jan. 14 - Diaconate Team A
 Jan. 21 - Trustees Team
 Jan. 28 - Mission Team

January Calendar

Sunday School at 9:00 am; Sunday Worship at 10:15 am
 Quilters meet every Tuesday at Noon

- 1 OFFICE CLOSED
- 2 Prayer Shawl Ministry, 6:30 pm
- 3 Bible Study, Noon; Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 pm
- 6 ABWM Board Meeting, 9:30 am; Project Time, 10:30 am
- 8 Team Meetings, 6:15 pm; Administrative Council, 7:30 pm
- 10 All Wednesday Activities Resume - Noon Bible Study, 5pm
Dinner, 5:30-6:45 Friends Club, Youth & Mom's Group
- 10 Sanctuary Choir, 6:30 pm
- 11 Unity Circle, 7:00 pm
- 15 OFFICE CLOSED
- 17 Regular Wednesday Activities (see Jan. 10)
- 18 Friendly Stars Circle @ Friendship Village, Noon
- 24 Regular Wednesday Activities (see Jan. 10)
- 28 Black Hawks Hockey Game, 3:05 pm **Sign up for a ticket!**
- 31 Community Meal, 4:30-6:00 pm **Sign up to help!**
- 31 Regular Wednesday Activities (see Jan. 10)

Financial Report (as of 11/30/17)

Checking/Savings \$75,599.55
 RBC \$74,255.00
 Foundation \$73,978.83
 November Contributions \$20,682.00
 November Expenses \$27,314.84



THANK YOU...

The FBC Youth wish to thank you for supporting them at Holiday Highlights last month. \$410 was raised for upcoming youth events and activities.

Many thanks for all our musicians for their gift of music this Advent season. Your wonderful dedication and commitment to our music ministry is much appreciated and has prepared our hearts to make room for the Christ child.

Thank you to all who bid on the quilt and to Friends of the Quilters for their generosity in helping us go beyond our goal. All money raised will go towards the new sanctuary floor.

CONGRATULATIONS...

To Chelsea Anderson who graduated from Allen College in December with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She recently accepted a job at Allen Hospital in the intensive care unit.

Hymns by Heart

Please join the adult and children's choirs in a hymn memorization project over the coming months. Each month we are learning the first verse of a great hymn of the faith.

January - *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*
 February - *Take My Life and Let It Be*
 March - *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*
 April - *All Creatures of Our God and King*
 May - *Borning Cry*

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Sunday:

Sunday School, 9am
 Worship, 10:15 am

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday
 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Team Meetings & Administrative Council

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

6:15 p.m. Teams gather in the Chapel
 7:30 p.m. Administrative Council meets

Please make every effort to attend your church leadership team meeting and contact your team chairperson if you are unable to attend.



Community Meal

Wednesday, Jan. 31
 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Invite your friends, family, & neighbors to our meal.

Sign up to help prepare, serve, and clean up.
 Salads and desserts are also needed!

Winter Weather Policy:

If the Waterloo Schools dismiss early or are cancelled due to weather conditions on a Wednesday, then Bible Study, Friends Club, Youth Group, & Mom's Group will also be cancelled. Sanctuary Choir will be notified by phone or email if their rehearsal is cancelled.